

REPORT ON INFORMATION COLLECTED CONCERNING APPLICANT

Under section 60835 of title 2 of the California Code of Regulations, the Bureau of State Audits is responsible for collecting information concerning applicants for the Citizens Redistricting Commission that is needed by the Applicant Review Panel to perform its responsibilities. This is a report by Bureau staff in compliance with that responsibility.

Name of Applicant: Christine T. Hernlund.

Information: Research by Bureau staff revealed that Applicant's mother in-law, Joanne Karl
served as a Democratic member of the Missouri Legislature in 1991 to 1994, and was an
unsuccessful candidate for the United States House of Representatives in 2004. Staff asked
Applicant about her involvement with Ms. Karl's political activities. Applicant responded that
she did not meet her husband until two years after Ms. Karl ran for Congress, and that she does
not have a bona fide relationship with her mother in-law.

Staff research identified several publications written by Applicant, but all of them were technical
in nature and related to Applicant's field of Earth Science. The titles of the publications include
Laxmi Ridge—A Continental Sliver in the Arabian Sea (1998), and *The Relative Wavelengths of*
Fast and Slow Velocity Anomalies in the Lower Mantle: Contrary to the Expectations of
Dynamics? (2009).

Applicant reported in her first essay answer on her supplemental application that she serves on
the proposal review panel for the California Postsecondary Education Commission's (CPEC)
Improving Teacher Quality grant program. Bureau staff spoke with Natalie Sidarous, CPEC
Program Coordinator, who explained that CPEC's staff develops a list of potential members of
the review panel from professional contacts and recommendations. According to Ms. Sidarous,
the list consists of a few hundred people. Each review panel consists of four to six members who
review grant proposals and then meet to discuss them. The review panelists have no connection
to the membership of CPEC's governing board.

Bureau staff contacted Nancy Taylor, the author of one of Applicant's letters of
recommendation, to confirm the information provided in the letter and receive any additional
information that may be relevant. Ms. Taylor confirmed the information in the letter and added
that Applicant functions well in a pressure-filled work environment, remains calm, has a great
poker face, and was impartial in her dealings with co-workers and participants in the PISCES
program.

Recommendation: None.

Name and title of person submitting response: Steven Benito Russo, Chief of Investigations.

Report Date: September 16, 2010.